

CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) Apparatus of claim 13 wherein the drawing tap (12) includes a tap element (15) having a conical mouth (15').
3. (Canceled)
4. (Previously Presented) Apparatus of Claim 2 wherein the tap element (15) is connected to the body (13) by a chamber (22).
5. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 3 4 wherein the tap element (15) is free to move up and down in the chamber (22).
6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 5 wherein in the chamber (22) is present a spring (23) which pushes the tap element (15) downwards.
7. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 6 wherein the channel (16) at the has an end which enters into chamber (22) and which is selectively closed at said end by a needle valve (25).
8. (Previously Presented) Apparatus of Claim 13, wherein operation of said apparatus is controlled by software.

9. (Previously Presented) Apparatus of Claim 13 wherein activation of the apparatus is performed by introducing a magnetic or chip card in a suitable inlet thereof.
10. (Previously Presented) Apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the housing body of the apparatus includes a liquid crystal or luminous led-display showing the amount due for each draught.
11. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the body (10) houses more than one bottle.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for the automatic drawing out of liquids from a bottle, by applying an inert gas to the liquid, wherein the bottle is kept in a vertical position, the apparatus comprising a housing body (10), lifting means (11) within said housing body, and a drawing tap (12), said drawing tap including:
  - a drawing tap body (14);
  - a first channel (16) connected to an inert gas circuit for receiving inert gas and for directing said gas into said bottle;
  - a second channel (17) for receiving said drawn liquid, said second channel having a first side and a second side;
  - a pipe (18) connected to said second channel at said first side for directing said drawn liquid from said bottle to said second channel;

a spout (19) connected to said second channel at said second side;

a chamber (20) ~~defined within~~ into which said second channel (17) enters;

a an electric valve (14) having a piston for selectively closing said chamber; and

a third channel (21) also connected to said inert gas circuit and connected to said second channel for receiving inert gas for cleaning at least said spout when said chamber is closed.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) Apparatus of claim 13, wherein said third channel (21) receives inert gas for further cleaning a portion of said second channel (17).

16-27 (Canceled)